

## EDGAR HOOVER ATTEMPTS TO FUMIGATE INFORMERS

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 3. — FBI director J. Edgar Hoover today defended the use of stool-pigeons in political witchhunts and said attacks made on such methods were "part and parcel of Communist strategy."

Hoover spoke at the 62nd annual convention here of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Earlier, Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins assailed an article by Richard Rovere, published last May by Harper's magazine, attacking the stoolpigeon system

Hoover said that the use of informers was "as old as man" and that its first recorded use could be found in the Old Testament.

"The confidential informant," he declared "is used not only by law enforcement but in practically every walk of life, particularly by the press and our financial institutions."

Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, told the police chiefs that a "trained and loyal police force" is the first line of defense against Communism in countries near Socialist na-

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